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CYPRUS PAPER: U.S. PHANTOMS LAND AT BRITISH BASE IN CYPRUS

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(TEXT) REPORTS IN NICOSIA SAY THAT 57 U.S. PHANTOM PLANES LANDED AT INTERVALS LAST SATURDAY AT THE AIRPORT OF THE AKROTIRI BRITISH BASE.

ACCORDING TO THE SAME REPORTS, 25 OF THESE PLANES TOOK OFF YESTERDAY, AGAIN AT INTERVALS, AND LANDED AT A U.S. BASE IN TURKEY.

THE ARAB EMBASSIES IN NICOSIA, AFTER BEING INFORMED OF THE ARRIVAL OF THE U.S. PHANTOMS AT THE AKROTIRI BRITISH BASE, EXPRESSED JUSTIFIED FEARS THAT THEY ARE GOING TO BE USED IN SOME WAY IN THE ARAB-ISRAELI WAR.

IT HAS NOT BEEN LEARNED IF THE CYPRUS GOVERNMENT HAS BEEN INFORMED IN THIS CONNECTION. ITS POSITION IS THAT IT WILL NOT ALLOW THE BRITISH BASES IN CYPRUS TO BE USED AGAINST THE ARABS.

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